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For: IDENTIFICATION OF A NOVEL RETROVIRUS  
ASSOCIATED WITH PRIMARY SCLEROSING  
CHOLANGITIS AND AUTOIMMUNE HEPATITIS

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*Amde/F*AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted together with a Petition to Revive Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b). This Amendment is believed to be responsive within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to the Final Office Action dated October 23, 2001, and the Advisory Action dated August 22, 2002. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(a) and M.P.E.P. § 711.03(c), an RCE and the requisite fee in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.114 are being submitted with this Amendment as a Reply. Upon revival of the application, please enter the following Amendments and consider the remarks below. Submitted herewith is:

- (a) Exhibit A, a marked up version of a replacement paragraphs of the specification;
- (b) Exhibit B, a marked up version of the claims showing the amendments made herein;
- (c) Exhibit C: the claims which will be pending upon entry of the present amendment; and (d) an Amendment Fee Transmittal.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Marked up versions of the following amended paragraphs are attached hereto as Exhibit A. Matter that has been deleted from the paragraphs is indicated by brackets and matter that has been added to the paragraphs is indicated by underlining.